

its diverse landscapes, many of which are unique to this nation alone. It is time for Congress to push forward a wilderness agenda and teach our children a land use ethic that will protect the land and its creatures for generations to come.

**AMY ISAACS: THIRTY YEARS OF
DEDICATED SERVICE TO PRO-
GRESSIVE IDEALS**

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Amy Isaacs on her 30th anniversary with Americans for Democratic Action—the nation's oldest independent liberal organization that has worked tirelessly to improve American society. Her contribution to ADA has been enormous!

She began her career as an intern in 1969 and moved through the ranks as Director of Organization, Executive Assistant to the Director, Deputy National Director—and she has served as the National Director for the past ten years.

Her fellow staff members at ADA, unanimously agree on Amy's most admirable quality: humility. In spite of all she has done and all she has accomplished, she would never admit to her critical role in setting and pursuing the ideals and agenda of ADA. She is a dedicated servant to these ideals and, thus, to ADA. She has seen the organization through both good times and bad, and she has never thought of giving up the fight.

Amy and her fellow ADA members are dedicated to a better world with rising standards of living for all, to basic human rights at home and abroad, to the end of all forms of discrimination, and to a more equitable distribution of our resources.

These values are just as relevant today as when ADA was founded over 50 years ago. And such policy goals as the increase in the minimum wage, preservation of Medicare, universal and quality health care, comprehensive campaign finance reform, a safe and healthy environment, full access to a quality education owe much to Amy Isaacs and her fellow members of ADA.

Amy's commitment equals that of ADA's founders: Eleanor Roosevelt, John Kenneth Galbraith, Walter Reuther, David Dubinsky, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Reinhold Niebuhr, and Hubert Humphrey. Because I had the opportunity to work for Senator Humphrey as a Congressional Fellow in the 1970s, I learned from him, first-hand, about the importance of the role of ADA and the importance of the work of its members and of Amy Isaacs.

In addition to her work at ADA, Amy has worked at Planned Parenthood Federation of America and in political campaigns. She has spent time abroad, as a student at the University of Cologne in Germany, as a delegate to the Young Leaders Conference for the American Council on Germany, and as a member of a bi-partisan observer delegation to the Liberal International Party Congress in Stockholm, Sweden.

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A graduate of American University in Washington, D.C., Amy also earned an M.A. certificate in International Administration from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont.

I am pleased to take this opportunity to recognize and sincerely thank Amy Isaacs on the 30th anniversary of her service to ADA. What keeps her going is her idealism and dedication to the basic principle that government has a positive role to play in promoting individual liberty and economic justice.

**HONORING THE ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS OF HOLLY LANE**

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Holly Lane's selection to be the 1999 Miss Tennessee American Preteen. The 13-year-old Algood resident will represent the state in national competition in Orlando, Florida, in November.

Holly, the daughter of Bobby and Sarah Lane, is a talented eighth-grade student at Avery Trace Middle School in Cookeville where she is a member of the cheerleading squad, the girl's golf team and the TV staff. She is also a very active member of the 4-H Club where she has competed in and won many public-speaking contests.

I congratulate Holly for her many accomplishments and wish her the best of luck when she travels to Orlando in November. Holly is an exceptional young lady who will represent the state well in the upcoming national contest.

**BIOMASS RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1999**

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Biomass Research and Development Act of 1999, a bill intended to expand research and development programs in the use of biomass—crop residues and other organic sources—in the production of energy, fuels, and other products.

I am pleased that the gentleman from New York, Mr. BOEHLERT, and the gentleman from Minnesota, Mr. MINGE, are joining me as original cosponsors of this bill.

By coordinating research efforts and providing research grants to promote biomass conversion techniques, this bill will accelerate our efforts to explore and develop these technologies and integrate existing biomass R&D efforts.

"Biomass" encompasses plants, trimmings, and other wastes that can be used to make energy. Increased biomass use has the potential to provide economic, national energy security, environmental and public health benefits, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, cutting

greenhouse gas emissions, and creating jobs. Some estimates suggest that if the U.S. were to triple its use of bioenergy and biobased products in the next decade (currently only 3 percent of our energy sources come from biomass), we would generate as much as \$20 billion a year in new income for farmers and rural communities.

As awareness of these potential benefits has increased, there is growing agreement on the need for cross-cutting and integrated approaches in our efforts to foster the development of the U.S. biomass industry. My bill would help lower the cost of research and development for this industry, encourage the evaluation of new energy crops, and accelerate the development of advanced biomass technologies to produce a variety of energy-related products and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels.

Specifically, the bill would: set up an integrated program of R&D activities related to the conversion of biomass into biobased products; authorize funding for research to evaluate the potential energy, economic, environmental, and social impacts of biobased production systems; authorize an interagency board to promote closer coordination and cooperation among federal agencies' research and development programs and other activities related to biobased products; authorize the creation of an advisory committee to provide input to federal biomass research and development programs from non-governmental groups with expertise and interest in biomass utilization; authorize additional federal resources for competitively-awarded grants, contracts, and other financial assistance—preferably to consortia—for research, development, and demonstration with respect to biobased products.

Biomass resources are an important domestic and renewable source of energy. This bill would boost efforts to utilize them to their full potential, ensuring a clean, sustainable, and secure energy supply for our nation's future. I look forward to working with the bill's cosponsors and other Members of the House to move forward with this important initiative.

**IN HONOR OF THE 65TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
POST 451 OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO**

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Henry J. Morgan Post 451, American Legion of Rocky River, Ohio on its 65th charter anniversary. The Post will mark its anniversary with a dinner on September 11, 1999. I am honored to have been asked to attend and participate in this event.

The Post traces its roots back to September 11, 1934 when the organization became officially chartered. The following year the Post joined efforts with the Alcorn Camp of United Spanish War Veterans and launched a program to decorate the graves of veterans with flowers and flags. Delegates from the Post continued this tradition of cooperation among veterans associations by forming a Joint Veterans Council for the City of Lakewood and its vicinity in 1936.